

Access to Higher Education Unit

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Unit Title: The Essentials of Care for Hospitalised Animals

Graded Unit Reference Number: GA33VET03

Ungraded Unit Reference Number: UA33VET03

Module: Veterinary

Level: Three (3)

Credit Value: Three (3)

Minimum Guided Learning Hours: 30

Learning Outcome (The Learner will):	Assessment Criterion (The Learner can):
1. Explain how nursing care can be provided using a systematic approach	1.1 Describe the difference between the “medical” model of nursing and the nursing-focused model
	1.2 Conduct a review of the “nursing process” by explaining the logical cycle of planning, implementation, and evaluation
	1.3 Compare and contrast established methods of nursing including Roper, Logan, and Tierney & Orem
	1.4 Demonstrate the ability to use a reflective approach to solving nursing problems
2. Review the condition of hospitalised patients	2.1 Analyse how physical, behavioural and owner related factors are used to inform patient assessment via a nursing model
	2.2 Compare and contrast actual and potential nursing problems
	2.3 Demonstrate the correct use of an assessment protocol to examine animals (including one domestic and one exotic animal)

	2.4	Compile correct animal records through monitoring vital signs and undertaking thorough health checks of one domestic and one exotic animal
3. Evaluate the impact of accommodation on hospitalised animals	3.1	Devise care plans to inform delivery of nursing care across a range of veterinary conditions, to include medically and surgically related problems
	3.2	Explain the responses to shock, infection, pain and stress including recognising the clinical and behavioural indicators in a change in condition
	3.3	Accurately record nursing and patient activities to inform care plan reviews
4. Explain how species, life-stage and temperament impact the nursing care and management of patients	4.1	These should be covered for cats, dogs, small mammals, and exotic species: Design appropriate hospital accommodation for small animals and exotic species including the correct size, design and construction materials of enclosures
	4.2	Evaluate how layout and building services impact on access to facilities, ventilation and maintenance of appropriate temperatures
	4.3	Design and implement an isolation area
	4.4	Summarise the types of bedding and substrates that can be used for different species
	4.5	List the safety considerations that need to be considered in a small animal practice in relation to animal accommodation and equipment